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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF VENEZUELA FOR HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and consignee, and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

- 1) The United States is free of African horse sickness, dourine, and glanders.
- 2) The horses were found to be free of clinical symptoms of *Gasterophilus* larvae (bots) infestation within thirty days prior to the date of shipment.
- 3) There have been no clinical symptoms of *Streptococcus equi* on the farm of origin during the last 30 days.
- 4) The horses do not originate from premises that have been infected with equine viral arteritis (EVA) during the 12 months prior to exportation.
- 5) The horses were vaccinated against the equine encephalomyelitis, and equine adenitis (strangles) at least fifteen (15) days but not more than six (6) months prior to embarkation. (The name of the vaccine/s and date/s of vaccination shall be indicated on the health certificate).
- 6) The horses were vaccinated against EVA (The name of the product and date of vaccination shall be indicated on the health certificate). **NOTE: VACCINATION FOR EVA MUST BE GIVEN AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO EMBARKATION.**
- 7) The horses were treated against ectoparasites within fifteen (15) days prior to the date of shipment. (The name of the product and date of treatment shall be shown on the health certificate).
- 8) The premises of origin are located in counties where no cases of eastern or western encephalitis have been reported to occur during the past 6 months prior to embarkation.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The horses were negative to the following tests within thirty (30) days prior to the date of shipment:

- 1) Equine infectious anemia: AGID test (Coggins test).

EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the Origin Health Certificate the "Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals" (VS Form 17-37) showing:

- 1) The name and address of the consignor.
- 2) The name and address of the consignee.
- 3) The number and species of animals to be shipped.
- 4) A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found to be free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.